



PASTOR'S PAGE

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"I did nothing: the Word did it all." –Martin Luther

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

OCTOBER 31 IS REFORMATION DAY. This year marks 502 years since Martin Luther posted the *95 Theses* which triggered the Lutheran Reformation. Here is a quiz to test your knowledge of some Reformation history (*The answers are on page 4 of this newsletter.*)

WE HAVE A HERITAGE TO CELEBRATE AS LUTHERANS. This month let's include in our prayers thanks to God for the good news in the Word. Luther embraced God's Word and dedicated his life to broadcasting God's message of faith, hope, and love to the world.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Scott Peterson

REFORMATION QUIZ:

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VERY EXTRA CREDIT: The one word title sometimes used for this document is _____.

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OCTOBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

October 6	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
October 13	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
October 20	Now the Feast w/LS
October 27	LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

October 6	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
October 13	Now the Feast w/LS
October 20	Contemporary Service*
October 27	LBW Setting 2 w/LS

* acoustic





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Contact Claire Strand if you would like to announce significant transitions in the life of our community of faith, including birth, death, Baptism, graduation, Confirmation, job change, relocation, engagement, marriage, or any other life passage!

Claire Strand also leads Messiah's Prayer Ministry.

If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, email claire@mlutheran.org

OUTREACH:

PANTRY ITEM

Cans of Cake Frosting

KIT MINISTRY

Toothbrushes

Members may also designate offerings to:

**Food Pantry
&
Kit Ministry**

OUTREACH



Life Passages

- † Alicia and Dustin McGeorge announce the birth of their 2nd daughter Abigail Mae McGeorge She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 22.5 inches long.
- † Peggy Hanna's mother, Lotus Lantrip, passed away. She was 95.
- † Joseph Balazsy, husband of Kitty Balazsy, passed away.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: FELLOWSHIP PADS

FELLOWSHIP PADS --- WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS --- PASS IT ON!!

The recently re-upholstered seat cushions aren't the only things in Messiah's Sanctuary to get a makeover! Over the summer, MLC's Fellowship Pads were refreshed with all new inserts and outside labels. **Here's a little Q & A on how and why we use fellowship pads.**

Q -- How do I use the fellowship pad? The Fellowship Pads are located just inside the pew on the center aisle. As Worship begins, write your name on the pad. With the pad open, pass the pad to the person next to you in your pew. When the pad has been passed to everyone in the pew, it should be passed back to the center still opened up. Take note of the names of those sitting near you when it's in your hands. When the Service of Worship concludes, you can address and greet each other by your first names! **See how friendly that is? Really friendly!**

Q -- Is the fellowship pad a form of attendance-taking? No. Attendance isn't taken by name, only by ushers counting. However, each fellowship pad is checked Monday morning to see if information has been left by members or guests.

Q -- So if it's not used for taking attendance, what is the purpose of the fellowship pad? Their purpose is to help members get to know each other better and to help identify guests in Worship. Fellowship pads are great ice-breakers! Most people who are looking for a new church home want to feel acknowledged on their first visit. When you pass the pad down the pew, typically eye contact is exchanged, maybe even a smile or two. When the pad returns back to the center aisle, members can quickly glance at the other entries and if someone is a guest, extend a warm greeting by name at the end of Worship. Simply put, it's another simple way to connect with one another on Sunday.

Q -- Should guests sign both the fellowship pad and the bottom of the insert? What about the yellow Messiah Connection Cards? Guests will still be invited to fill out the bottom of the insert during the announcements. Since there is no insert for Advent and Lenten services, guests will be invited to use either the fellowship pad or the Connection Card to record their visit. Members are always encouraged to use the Connection Card to make a prayer request or request some other action such as updating an address or phone number.

So now that you know all there is to know ... please get into the good habit of using the Fellowship Pads each Sunday! It will help make Messiah a friendly and warm place for guests and members!



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M³ Groups

Cherub Choir

(PreK-1st) - Wed 6 p.m.

Seraph Choir

(2nd-6th) - Wed 6 p.m.

Guitar with Ric

(7th-12th) - Wed 6:30
p.m.

Notabella

(7th-Adult) - Wed 6:30
p.m.

Messiah Choir

(7th-Adult) - Wed 7:30
p.m.

Instrumental

Ensemble

(7th-Adult) - Sun 12:15
p.m. (biweekly)

"I Used to Play"

(7th-Adult) - Thurs 7
p.m.

Talk to Lois Graff about
other music opportuni-
ties at Messiah!

WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES

Dinner Theater

Thank you to all who supported last month's Dinner Theater. Proceeds were designated for the Huntsville Assistance Program-West and the Electronic Sign Fund.

M³ - Messiah Music Ministry

M³ consists of choirs and music groups for all ages, including voices, bells, guitars, and wind instruments. See groups and times in left side panel. Other opportunities are available for singing, playing instruments, contemporary worship, and sound reinforcement. Questions? Talk to Lois Graff or email musicdirector@mlutheran.org.

Music at Messiah

Music at Messiah's first concert of the season is quickly approaching. **Valley Consort** will be here on **Saturday, November 16**. Formerly called Huntsville Collegium Musicum, their program will include music by Tallis and Byrd and will highlight Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G minor*.

Other concerts this season:

Lopez Tabor Duo (violin and piano) - Feb. 1, 2020

Melody Ng (piano) - May 9, 2020

These Saturday evening concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Sponsorships are always welcome. Information may be found at musicatmessiah.org.

A Few Words on Liturgy...

This Month's Topic: Gospel Acclamation

Sometimes called the Gradual, this musical response is a song of passage between the Second Lesson and the Gospel. Most of our liturgies concentrate on the second portion, the "Alleluia" (meaning "Praise ye the Lord"), which is an expression of joy at hearing the Word of God. The Gospel reading is the high point in the "Word" portion of worship. The Alleluia verse is not used during Lent because of the somber tone of the season and preparation leading up to the joy of Easter. It is also omitted during Advent in preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (LBW)

Hymn of the Month

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

George W. Briggs (1875-1959), a distinguished British hymn writer and a Canon of Worcester Cathedral, wrote the text of this hymn. "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" is frequently set to other hymn tunes, including "Ebenezer." The LBW setting is "Carn Brea," composed by Derek Holman (1931-2019). Holman was a prestigious professor, composer, organist, and choir master who lived the last half of his life in Canada.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to the hearts of all,

In the ageless Word expounding God's own message for us all.

Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;

God abides, his Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last. -LBW 238



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October Youth Schedule

Sr. Youth (gr. 9-12)

Oct. 13

Fellowship/Ga Ga Ball

5-7:30 p.m.

Oct 20

Sr. Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.

Oct 27*

Jr. Youth (gr. 6-8)

Oct 13, 27*

Fellowship/Gaga Ball, 5:00 p.m.

MOEs (gr. 3 - 5)

Oct 27*

*4th Sunday Dinner this month =
 Chili Cookoff & Costume Contest
 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MLC YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Fall Break for most of the area's public schools runs October 7 through October 11. Please note the following schedule changes across our Youth and Education Ministries .

- Sunday School for ages Pre-K through Grade 12 will be in the "One Room Schoolhouse" format. This will take place in classroom 9 & 10.
- There will be no Youth programming on October 6.
- 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation classes will not take place on Wednesday, October 9th.
- Children's musical groups (Seraphs, Cherubs, etc) will not meet on October 9th.

All MLC children, youth and their parents are invited to attend the October 27 Chillin' at Messiah Chili Cookoff & Costume Party!

Plan your costume, bring a friend, and prepare to have a great time!

This MLC Fellowship Event will serve as our "Fourth Sunday Dinner" gathering.

More details to follow on when the MLC Youth will get together to shop and prepare their entry to the Chili Contest and defend last year's title.

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3. The town where Luther posted the *95 Theses* was (is) named WITTENBERG (GERMANY).
4. The location in the town where Luther posted them was The CASTLE

CHURCH DOOR.

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NEWS FLASHES



SATURDAY, OCT 26, 2019

9 AM - 2 PM | PARISH HALL

(and Between Services 10/27)

**100% of the Sales Support the
Lunches for Learning Mission Schools**

Come shop a wonderful selection of handmade craft items to enjoy or give as gifts. A preview of the items available will be shared on MLC's Pinterest page as the sale approaches.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 14 @ 7 p.m.

Hosted by Devonee Woods

October's book is *Tell Me More: Stories About the 12 Hardest Things I'm Learning to Say* by Kelly Corrigan. All women welcome! POC: Janell Zesinger

COMFORTERS

The Comforters will meet each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
Contact Annette Joens at 256-232-3449 for info.

Info: mlutheran.org/project/comforters

Kit Ministry

MLC's kit ministry will meet Oct. 3, 17, and 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Rhonda Gaede or Diane Davis if you have questions!

CASA RAMP BUILDERS ARE BACK IN ACTION!

SATURDAY, OCT. 5 7 AM - 2 PM

7-7:30 AM MEET AT **PANERA BREAD** MADISON
CARPOOL TO LOCATION



Saturday, October 26th at Hudson Alpha
601 Genome Way, Huntsville
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Walk Captain: Denise Edge

Ways you can help:

Pray: Healer of our every ill, hear our prayer for all those diagnosed, for their caregivers (including the doctors who can offer no cure), and for the families who have lost loved ones.

Walk: Join the "Still Steppin' for Steve"/Messiah Lutheran Church" walk team.

Support: Use this link to sign up as a walker or virtual walker or to **donate** to the team:
webal.alsa.org

Thanks to everyone that supported the pasta fundraiser. We made \$469! POCs: Stephanie Gillespie, Denise Edge, Claire Strand

Fellowship News

It's time...

Chillin' At Messiah

MLC's Annual Chili Cook-Off and Costume Party

Sunday, October 27, 2019

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Is your chili the talk of the neighborhood? Can it make eyes water from happiness and spiciness at the same time? Or is your chili the perfect blend of sweet and savory? **Bring your best to the Chili Cook-Off and see whose chili will come out on top!** We will also have games for the children and a costume contest, so make sure you dress to impress!

If you would like to donate candy, please leave it in the church office for Sonja Pedersen.

Other dates to keep your eyes on:

Fellowship Potluck, Nov. 10th (after the Congregation *Planning for Mission* meeting)

Cookie Exchange, Dec. 7th

Did You Know...?

Niches for MLC's Columbarium are still available! Information about MLC's Columbarium is available in the church narthex literature display closest to the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in securing a niche for yourself or a loved one, please email Pastor Scott Peterson at scott@mlutheran.org

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

SUPPORT THE HANDMADE MARKET ON OCTOBER 26th!

Messiah's Mission Crafters will have their annual Handmade Market to support the Lunches for Learning Mission in Honduras.

Messiah sponsors the Gerard deJong Kindergarten, the Benito Montoya ES Honduras, and the Jesus Tadeo Flores ES.

The market takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th in Messiah's Parish Hall. The sale will wrap up on Sunday morning of the 27th in between worship services.

If you are a crafter that would like to donate an item you have crafted, please contact Elaine Shriver so that she can provide you with instructions.



YALL (YOUNG ADULT LUTHERAN LEAGUE) PLANS TRIP TO MONTGOMERY, AL

On Saturday, October 12th, Messiah's fellowship group for young adults (YALL) will visit The Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum in Montgomery, which puts on stark display of the history of slavery and racism in America.

The next stop will be to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, where 816 steel slabs hang from the rafters at equal intervals, representing every county in the US where lynchings have occurred.

Learn more about the Legacy Museum at:

www.museumandmemorial.eji.org

Optional suggested reading: *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson. *Because of the mature and somber nature of the sites, we recommend only bringing children ages 13 and above.*

The group will be leaving Huntsville at 8 a.m. Plan to have lunch and dinner together on the trip. If interested in attending, please contact Andrew or Kristin Gipner.

YALL (Young Adult Lutheran League) is a fellowship group for adults 25 to 40 (or so). They communicate regularly via their Facebook page (Search "Young Adult Lutheran League").

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MONTH IN PICTURES

Digital viewers: View more pictures online!



Clockwise from top: **Sep. 22** - Linda Zutter (l) and Laura Peterson (r) pose amongst the flowers while waiting to begin the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Big Spring Park. **Sep. 15** - Pastor Scott gave his annual Fishing Sermon. Pastor Scott narrowly edged out his Cousin Dan for this year's Walter Trophy! **Sep. 5** - MLC's Electronic Sign Committee learned all about LED digital signage when a local signage company brought two of their displays to MLC's parking lot on a trailer. **Sep. 11** - Jan Allen (l) and Sonja Pedersen (r) set food items out for the annual ALS Pasta Fundraiser that supports Messiah's ALS Walk Team. The dinner kicked off MLC's Wednesday Night Café lineup. **Sep 16** - the pew cushions were removed for re-upholstery by Wells Church Furniture Company. This ushered in MLC's very first "Bring a Cushion Sunday" on Sep. 22!



October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Looking Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2 Jr. / Sr. Youth Bowling Nov 9 MOEs Trampoline Fun Nov 10 Planning for Mission Congregation Meeting & Church Potluck Nov 16 Music at Messiah Concert with Valley Consort 		<p>1 9:00 am Comforters</p>	<p>2 5:00 pm 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation 5:30 pm Wed. Night Café 6:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Seraph Choir 6:30 pm Guitar with Ric 6:30 pm Notabella 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm Kit Ministries 7:00 pm "I Used to Play" Instrumental Workshop</p>	4	<p>5 7:00 AM CASA RAMP BUILD (meet at Panera - Madison)</p>
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<p>Fall Break for City of Madison, Huntsville, Madison County, and Limestone County Schools</p>						
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<p>Council Retreat at Lutheranch</p>						
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Newsletter submissions may be sent to Rebecca Mast at newsletter@mlutheran.org

Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month! Submit photos to communications@mlutheran.org



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